

VAST Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2019

Attendance: Rene Meyer, Toni Duralski, Denice Sawatzky, Mary Van Wormer, Carlene Chandler, Diane Vargas, Pam Shorman, Rhonda Sancibrian, Sara Rhodes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President, Rene Meyers at 10:35am at 1225 Venture Way, in Turlock, CA.

Minutes: Denice Sawatzky made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 16,2018 meeting. Sara Rhodes seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - by Rene Meyers

- Vast checking account has \$7633.92
- Rene explained that she will need to purchase Quickbooks to download on her computer so that she continue the Treasurer duties. Mary Whatley had been using her own copy of quick books. Sara Rhodes made the motion that VAST buy quick books so that Rene can use on her computer. Mary Van Wormer seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Diane Vargas made the motion that we remove Mary Whatley as a signer on the VAST bank account since she is no longer treasurer. Mary Van Wormer seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Sarah Rhodes made the motion that VAST add Denice Sswatzky as a second signer on the VAST bank account, so that we have a backup if Rene is not around or in case someone needs to sign a check for Rene. Diane Vargas seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- Denice suggested that VAST set up a paypal account as another method for people to pay membership and trial fees. This is something that other clubs are doing and is easier for many people. This may lead to VAST getting membership and trial fees paid sooner. Pam made the motion that VAST set up a paypal account. Carlene seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Committees:

Membership- Denice- Denice will be removing Mary Whatley and Jen Murch from her email reminder list for membership since they are either not competing or have moved out of the area. We have 32 total members, 16 of which have paid their dues for 2019. Denice will send out another email to those who have not yet paid dues.

VAST USDAA- Feb 15-17, 2019- St/adv judge is Lonny Elson, Masters judge is Bill Pinder. The premium is now available on the VAST website.

NAF USDAA- May 3-5, 2019 – St/Adv judge is Dave Grems, Masters judge is Patty Drom.

Old Business:

Fundraising for VAST- This was a follow up to the Dec 2018 meeting to see where everyone was.

Fun Matches: Mary and Ree are looking at dates in April for VAST to have a fun match. They are trying to pick weekends when there is not something going on at WAG.

UKI- After looking into UKI more it was decided that this is probably not cost effective for VAST. UKI trials tend to be small and after paying for field rental, etc VAST probably wouldn't bring any money in. It has also been very hard to get the workers needed to put on a trial that is smaller (course builders, crew chiefs, trial chair, secretary, etc). Rene will email UKI to let them know that we wont be putting on a trial right now.

AKC- VAST has had discussions about having an AKC trial in the past. There is a bigger draw for AKC trials, especially since there aren't any close in this area. Also, the added benefit that if we have Lorie Abbott as secretary, she usually has her own people that will crew chief and course build so we wouldn't have to rely on club members as much. Rene has contacted Lorie Abbott a few times in the past with no response. Mary believe there is some contracts/research that need to be done online first and that looking into that/filling that paperwork out, would show more initiative to Lorie that we are serious about putting on a trial. Mary and Rene will do more research online to try and figure out what we need to do there to get an AKC trial in the works.

It was also suggested that the club send out a survey to its members to see if they are interested in having an AKC trial, if they would support it and help at the trial/take on a position. Without the clubs participation it is very hard to put on a trial. Toni is going to work on the survey to send out to members.

New Business:

Carlene mentioned that the Turlock Journal had contacted her about having someone at the Feb VAST trial to find out more about the event and wanted to make sure this was ok with everyone. Everyone agreed that it would be a good promotion for VAST.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45am